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Dear Commissioner:

On April 24, 2003 the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued an office action in the above-entitled application. The applicant responds as follows:

In the specification:

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Page 1, third paragraph: Certain of these selectively engageable friction mechanisms include interleaved pairs of disks, each pair connected to differing parts thereof. For example in a transmission, the interleaved pairs of disks might connect a ring gear to the transmission case for a sun gear input (or output) drive and a planet carrier output (or input) drive in an automatic transmission. Additional example would be to utilize the selective engagement of the interleaved disks to connect an input shaft to co-axial output shaft in a clutch device. Further example using the interleaved disks to connect a shaft to its housing [in] to create a brake. Typically these mechanisms included concentric sintered rings of a friction substance on steel for the disks. This

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